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FREEPORT DEBATE, 1858

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LINCOLN DIORAMA

● One of the most important of the famous Lincoln–Douglas debates was held at Freeport, Illinois, on August 27, 1858. The occasion drew one of the largest crowds ever assembled in northern Illinois. The two contestants for the United States Senate debated from a platform set in a grove near the Brewster House. Lincoln is answering his opponent, Judge Douglas, who sits nearby.

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